

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:           Shaher A. Ahmad  
Serial No.:                       10/645,739  
Filing Date:                   August 21, 2003  
Group Art Unit:               3775  
Confirmation No.:             9156  
Examiner:                      James L. Swiger III  
Title:                          **BONE ANCHOR SYSTEM**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2009 (the "*Office Action*"), Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 4 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this response.